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BEVERLY HILLS RECOGNIZED FOR WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

The top State fire official in California will present the City of Beverly Hills with an award Thursday in recognition of the city's exemplary efforts to reduce the vulnerability of homes to wildfire.

Beverly Hills will be honored by the National Firewise Communities USA Program during a ceremony Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Canyon Park, 1100 North Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Chief Dale T. Geldert will make the presentation to Beverly Hills Fire Chief Bob Cavaglieri and Beverly Hills Mayor Linda J. Briskman. Beverly Hills joins three other California communities recognized for wildfire prevention work. Recent recipients of the Firewise Communities USA Program award include Auburn Lake Trails in El Dorado County; Forest Meadows in Calaveras County; and the city of Glendale in Los Angeles County.

A wildfire in a residential area is one of the natural disasters most likely to strike Southern California. Members of the media are encouraged to attend this important event to help teach Californians the essential survival skills needed to prepare themselves and their homes for a wildfire.

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